

**United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

**Categorical Exclusion Not Established By Statute
DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2015-0031-CX**

July 2015

**Clay Hills Road Emergency Stabilization
Reconstruct water diversion berm**

Location:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah
T. 39S., R. 15E.,
sec. 17, SE1/4NW1/4

San Juan County Road B278, aprox. 1.2 miles SW of SR276

Applicant/Address:

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**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION FORMAT WHEN USING
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS NOT ESTABLISHED BY STATUTE**

A. Background

BLM Office: Monticello Field Office

Case File No: NA

Proposed Action Title/Type: Clay Hills Road Emergency Stabilization

Locations of Proposed Action: San Juan County, Utah

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T. 39S., R. 15E.,

sec. 17, SE1/4NW1/4

Description of Proposed Action:

Recent storms have washed out a soil based diversion berm near Clay Hills Road (B278) approximately 1.2 miles south of SR276 (Attachment 1). The original berm extended approximately 220 feet and blocked water from flowing out of the main channel. The recent storms have destroyed a portion of the berm and allowed water to flow out of the channel and eventually over the Clay Hills Road approximately 0.25 miles southeast of the berm.

The San Juan County roads department proposes to reconstruct the destroyed portion of the berm and conduct maintenance on the remaining portion of the berm. Approximately 70 feet of berm would be reconstructed north of the remaining berm with a 20' wide base and up to 6' in height. The total length of the berm after reconstruction would be approximately 220 feet and oriented in a roughly north/south direction (Attachment 4).

Access is proposed via the main drainage that runs from Clay Hills Road (B278) north to the berm (Attachment 3).

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Monticello Field Office RMP

Date Approved: November, 2008

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP goals, objectives, and decisions.

Goals and Objectives:

- The BLM will provide opportunities for a range of motorized recreation experiences on public lands while protecting resources and minimizing conflicts among various users.

- The RMP establishes a system for designating routes in the Field Office. RMP Management Action **TM-2** (RMP pg. 141) provides several categories for designated routes, such as mechanized and motorized, and it provides that “adjustments to these categories will be made based on recreational demand and potential conflict.”
 - Clay Hills Road (B278) is a designated route and open to motorized travel in the Monticello Field Office Travel Management Plan.

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9(I)1. This reference states “Planned actions in response to wildfires, floods, weather events,..... that threaten public health or safety, property, and/or natural and cultural resources, and that are necessary to repair or improve lands unlikely to recover to a management-approved condition as a result of the event”.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR Part 46.215 will apply.

D. Signature

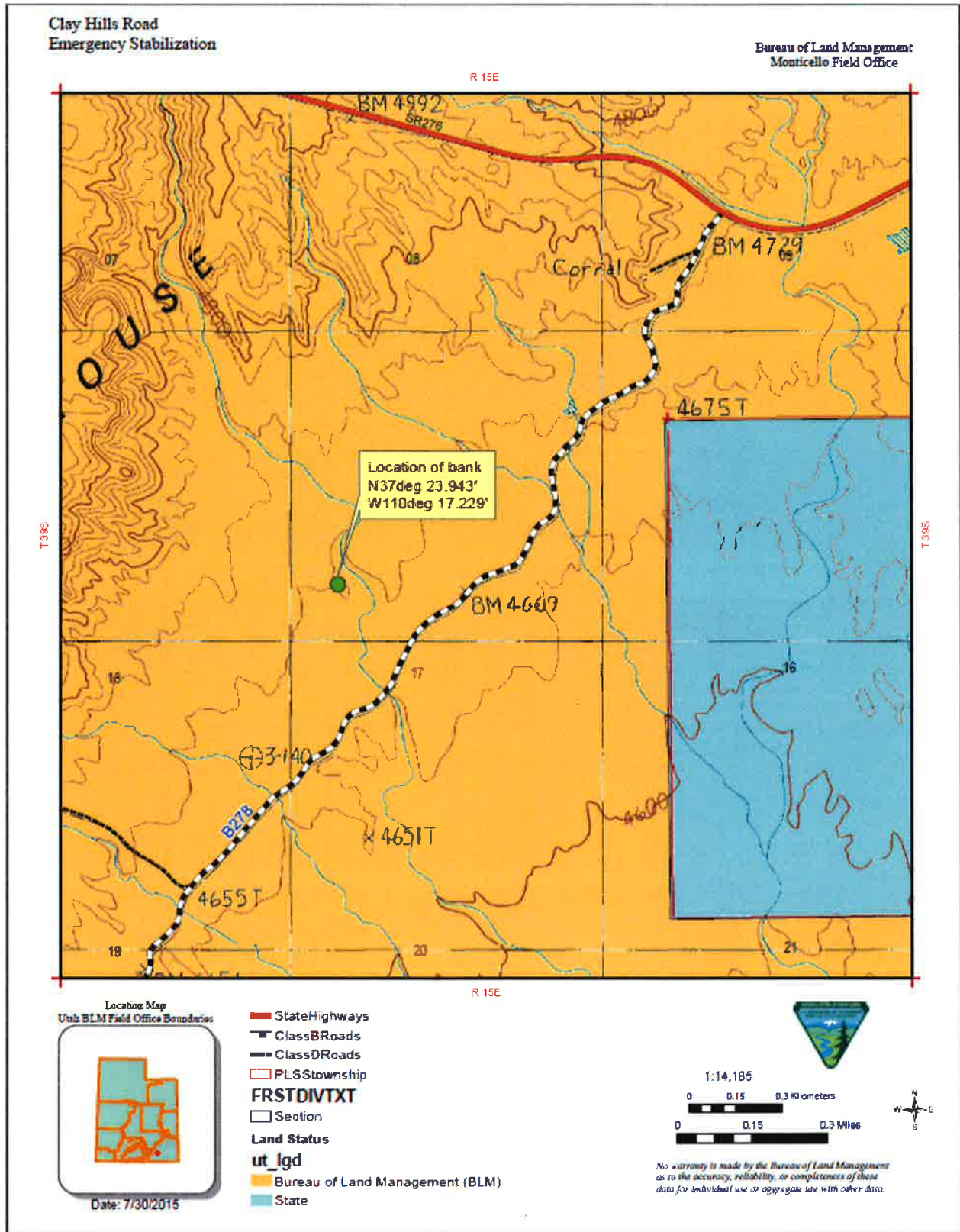
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Donald K. Hoffheins
Field Manager

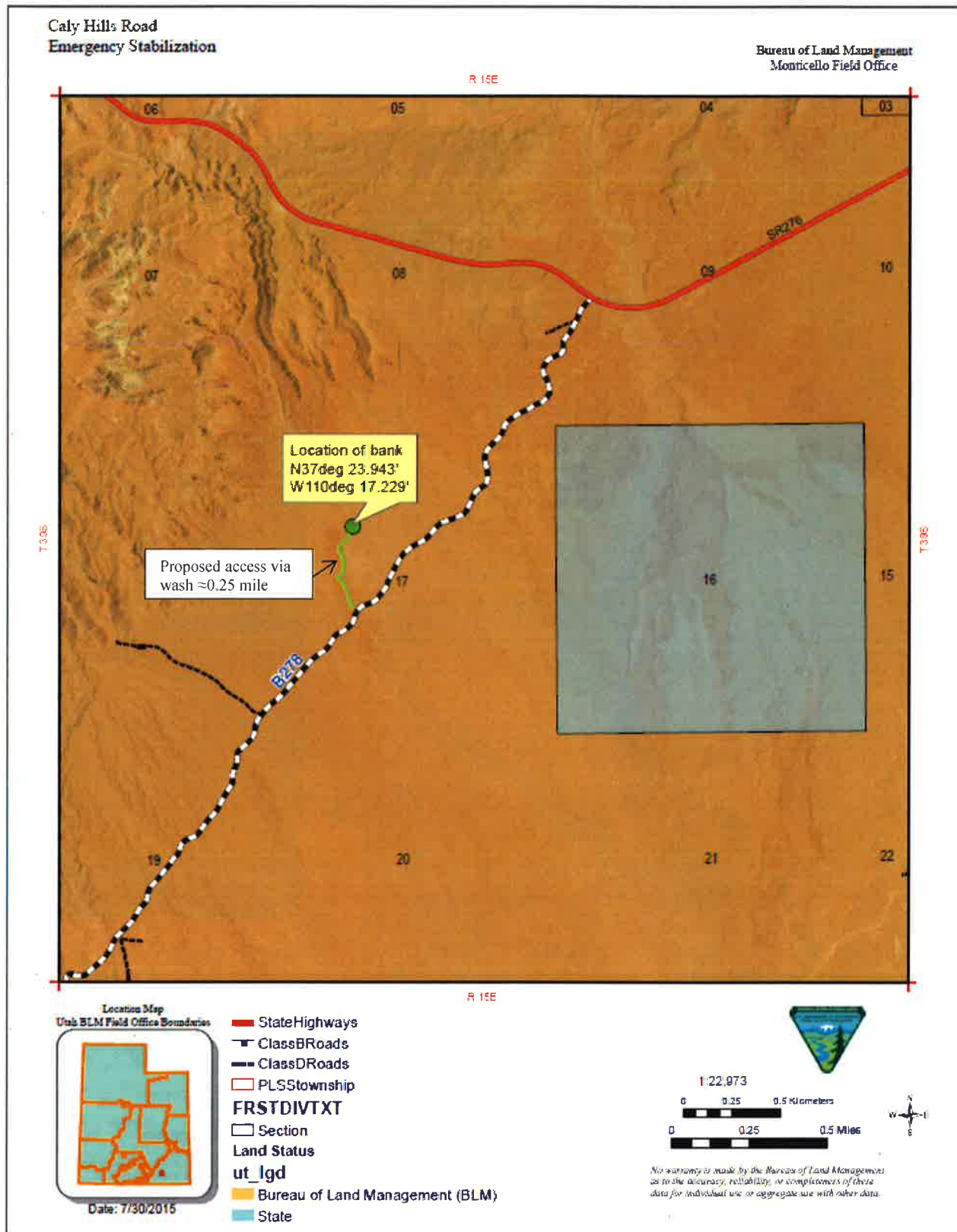
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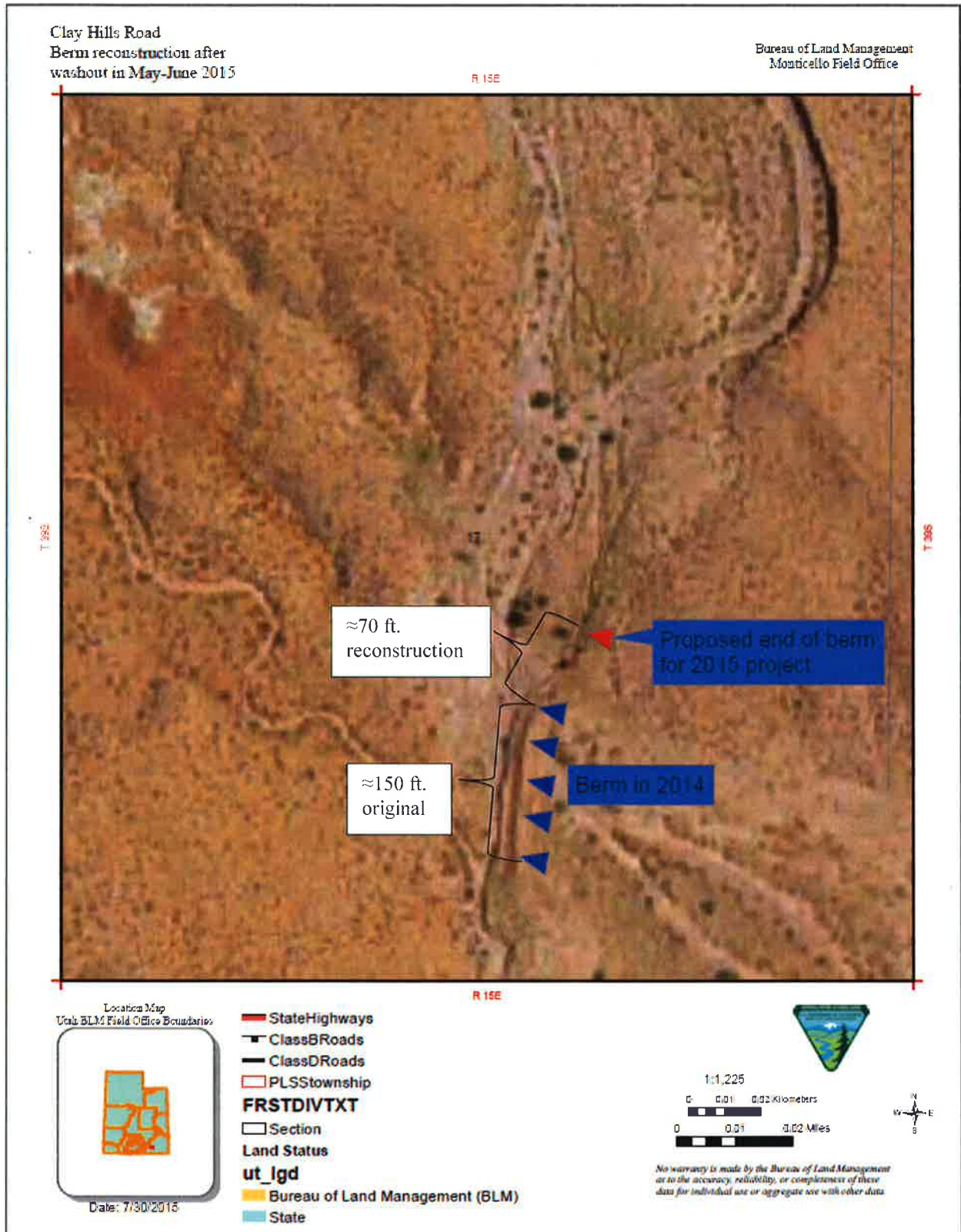
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Attachments: Maps - Attachments 1 – 4, Categorical Exclusion Review Record







**Categorical Exclusion Review Record
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Resource	Yes/No*	Assigned Specialist Signature	Date
Air Quality	No	CGiffen	07/28/15
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	No	Casey Worth	08/05/15
Cultural Resources	No	Cameron Cox	8/13/15
Environmental Justice	No	Chris Ransel	08/07/15
Farm Lands (prime or unique)	No	Jed Carling	07/21/15
Floodplains	No	Jed Carling	07/21/15
Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds	No	Jed Carling	07/21/15
Migratory Birds	No	MScott	07/23/15
Native American Religious Concerns	No	Cameron Cox	8/13/15
Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Species	No	MScott	07/23/15
Wastes (hazardous or solid)	No	J. Brown	8/25/15
Water Quality (drinking or ground)	No	MScott	07/23/15
Wetlands / Riparian Zones	No	Jed Carling	07/21/15
Wild and Scenic Rivers	No	Casey Worth	08/05/15
Wilderness	No	Casey Worth	08/05/15
Other:			

*Extraordinary Circumstances apply.

Environmental Coordinator



Date:

8/26/2015